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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS GB

SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING FMS ACCOUNTS

REF: A. LIBREVILLE 1087, B. LIBREVILLE 1207

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FRESH GOG QUERY ON OUTSTANDING  
FMS ACCOUNTS. ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT REPLY TO QUESTIONS  
POSED BY GOG. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF RECEIVED CALL FROM COUNSELOR AT GABONESE MILITARY  
HEADQUARTERS REQUESTING A) LATEST DETAILS ON VERIFICATION  
OF BILLS CITED IN REFTEL A, AND B) CONFIRMATION THAT  
SWIFTSHIPS TRANSFERRED SUM OF DOLS 62,874 TO US NAVY AS  
DISCUSSED IN REFTEL B, PARA 2, FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT TOWARD  
LOA-GB-AAA-P4.

2. COUNSELOR EXPLAINED THAT ISSUE NOW TAKES ON URGENCY  
AS A) PRESIDENT BONGO HAS INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF  
BILLINGS AND IS CONSIDERING WRITING TO US NAVY, AND  
B) COMMANDANT OF GABONESE NAVY IS DUE TO END TOUR  
AUGUST 30 AND HEADQUARTERS WOULD LIKE TO RESOLVE ISSUE  
BEFORE CHANGE OF COMMAND.

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3. COMMENT: SINCE TWO MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE ERFTELS SENT, GOG CONCERN OVER LACK OF RESPONSE NOT SURPRISING. INABILITY TO RESOLVE BILLING PROBLEM PROMPTLY IS SERVING ONLY TO COMPOUND GABONESE UNHAPPINESS STEMMING FROM SERIES FO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH EQUENE, UNHAPPINESS WHICH EVIDENTLY IS REACHING LEVEL OF PRESIDENCY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER AVOID FRESH LETTER FROM PRESIDENT, WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ON URGENT BASIS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY GOG. IF DEFINITIVE ANSWER NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE INTERIM REPLY NLT AUGUST 25. STEIGMAN

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